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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 21 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	40th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	41st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/53/2) [11].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

Continuation and conclusion of general debate:

Sudan
Zambia
Nepal
Syrian Arab Republic
Haiti
Georgia
Cyprus

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee [80]

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Operational activities for development [95]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.9

2. Environment and sustainable development [94] (A/53/487, A/53/156-S/1998/78, A/53/25, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/416, A/53/425)

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an implementation of Agenda 21 (A/53/477)

Introductory statements and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106] (A/53/41, A/53/57, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/281, A/53/311, A/53/482*)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 3

Pattern of conferences [117] (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507))

Continuation of general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 11th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	10th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Establishment of an international criminal court [153] (A/53/387, A/53/189)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 21 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 93 (c) : special session on Habitat; item 93 (a) : International Development Strategies)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 104: Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitle "Reducing Nuclear Dangers", organized by the delegation o India, will be held *today*, 21 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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A meeting of possible co-sponsors of the draft resolutio entitled entitled "Developments in the Field of Information an Telecommunications in the Context of International Security" organized by the delegation of the Russian Federation, will b held *today*, 21 October 1998, in the morning, following th adjournment of the 12th meeting of the First Committee, Conference Room 4.

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A meeting of possible co-sponsors of the draft resoluti entitled "Small Arms", organized by the delegation of Jap will be held *today*, 21 October 1998, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Conference Room 6.

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Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on the theme "The United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms: An Update" *today*, 21 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C. Mr. Ross Hynes, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Malaysia, for an exchange of views regarding the First Committee draft resolution entitled "Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*" *today*, 21 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room C. All interested delegations and co-sponsors are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Regional Disarmament", organized by the delegation of Belarus, will be held *today*, 21 October 1998, from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, H.E. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparation to the Second Conference of the Parties (Senegal, 30 November-11 December 1998). The briefing will take place *today*, 21 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank, on "Memory and Vision: Cultural Identity in a Changing World" *today*, 21 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President for Special Programs of the World Bank, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 22 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 42nd PLENARY MEETING *Conference Room 3*

1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/357) [7].
2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [27]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/434);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.11).
3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States [21]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/272 and Add.1);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.10).
4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/420) [25].
5. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/521) [112].
6. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522) [143 (a)].

Committees

	FIRST COMMITTEE			SECOND COMMITTEE	
3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 4	9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2
			3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2

	SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)			THIRD COMMITTEE	
			10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 1
10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4	3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p .m.	12th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussions

A joint session of the Second Committee and the High-level segment of the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD via video link will take place on Thursday, 22 October 1998, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The topic of the session will be "The Impact of Financial Crisis on Trade, Investment and Development: Regional Perspectives." The joint session will be co-chaired by H.E. Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand and Chairman of the high-level segment of the Trade and Development Board, and H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi, Ambassador (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Chairman of the Second Committee.

The panellists participating at this event are (on Geneva side) the Executive Secretaries of the United Nations Regional Commissions for Europe (ECE), Mr. Yves Berthelot, for Western Asia (ESCWA), Mr. Hazem El-Beblawi, for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, and Mr. Ali Gader Ali, Director, Economic and Social Policy Division (ECA), Mr. André van Heemstra, Vice-President, Asia and the Pacific, Unilever; (on New York side) Ms. Joyce Cornell, Managing Director, Scudder Kemper Investments, Inc., and Mr. Robert D. Hormats, Vice-Chairman, Goldman Sachs International.

A panel discussion on "How to Achieve a Better Coherence and Improved Coordination among Environmental and Environment Related Conventions" will be held on Friday, 23 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, Mr. Michael Zammit-Cutajar, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Mr. Sam Johnston, Legal Affairs Officer (Secretariat of the Convention on Bio-Diversity), and Mr. Jorge Illucca, Director of the Division of Coordination on Environmental Convention (United Nations Environment Programme). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Briefing

There will be an informal presentation by Professor J. A. van Ginkel, Rector of the United Nations University, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The Committee on Information will resume its twentieth session on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Trusteeship Council Chamber. Following the formal opening of the meeting and introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the development of United Nations international radio broadcasting capacity (A/AC.198/1998/4)*, the Committee will begin informal consultations on this report.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences will be open beginning Monday, 26 October, until Monday, 2 November.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee on Thursday, 22 October 1998, at 9.30 a.m. on item 37 (World Summit for Social Development) in Conference Room 6 and at 1.45 p.m. on item 104: Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women) in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Thursday, 22 October 1998, at 1.45 p.m. The conference room will be announced.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Ireland, on a draft resolution entitled "Towards a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: The Need for a New Agenda" on Thursday, 22 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

A meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Transparency in Armaments", organized by the delegation of the Netherlands, will be held on Thursday, 22 October 1998, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal briefings

There will be an informal meeting and exchange of views, organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), on the theme "The New Architecture for an International Monetary System - the IMF Perspective", on Thusday, 22 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. J. B. Zulu, IMF Special Representative to the United Nations and Director of the New York IMF Office, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a briefing by Mr. Alan Simcock of the British Government's Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on the Second London Oceans Workshop, which is being sponsored jointly by the united Kingdom and Brazil in December 1998, to assist the preparations for the 1999 session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The briefing will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the "Administration and Cost of Elections", sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (Sweden) and the International Foundation for Election Systems (United States), on Thursday, 22 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The panellists will be Mr. Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Elections (Canada), Mr. José Woldenberg Karakowsky, President of the Federal Electoral Institute (Mexico), and a representative of USAID. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminars

The first seminar of the economic governance seminar series on the theme "Towards a More Differentiated Perspective on Industrial Policy", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration (DPEPA) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A. Prof. Richard Nelson, Columbia University, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (International Police Task Force) on Thursday, 22 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Michel Pelletier, Director, Europe and Latin America Division, Department of Peacekeeping Operations. Mr. Mark Kroeker, IPTF Deputy Commissioner, will give a briefing on developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina and on the increasing demand for professional competence when selecting police officers for service with the International Police Task Force.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 20 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 10th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Chile, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Oman, Ethiopia, Israel, Armenia, Pakistan, Kenya and Senegal.

11th meeting

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Malta, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Philippines, Iraq, Jordan and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

In the exercise of the right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Eritrea, Israel, the Republic of Korea, Ethiopia and Iraq.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 17th meeting

Sectoral policy questions [92]

(b) *Industrial development cooperation*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.6

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 92 (b).

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system [95]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.8

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 95.

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Sectoral policy questions [92]

(a) *Business and development*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.7

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 92 (a).

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(b) *Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy*

The Committee began consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made by the Director of the Development Policy Analysis Division of DESA.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation, Norway, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Poland, Azerbaijan, Romania, Ukraine and Croatia.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

18th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(b) *Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy*

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representatives of Turkey, Armenia and Azerbaijan made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion on agenda item 93 (b).

(d) *Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership*

(g) *Cultural development*

The Committee began consideration of these items.

Introductory statements were made by the Officer-in-Charge of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of DESA and the Representative to the United Nations and the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia and the associated country Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of the European Economic Area, Norway, which aligned themselves with this statement), China, Kenya, Guyana, the Republic of Korea, Trinidad and Tobago, Canada, Australia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Oman, Uruguay and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 93 (d) and (g).

THIRD COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and armed conflict, the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and the Director, New York Office, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Questions were raised by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Italy, Guinea, Japan, Portugal, Côte d'Ivoire and the United States, which were responded to by the three introductory speakers.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Bangladesh, Rwanda, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 7th and 8th meetings

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [154]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Turkey, Japan, Algeria, Yemen, Namibia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, Hungary, Bulgaria, Venezuela, the United States, Poland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, the Sudan, Georgia, Tunisia, Guatemala, Mexico, Malta, Uruguay, Romania, Ghana, the Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago and Belarus.

Right of reply

The representatives of the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Sixty-fourth session

TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 1998

1702nd and 1703rd (closed) meetings

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER 1998

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE II 1st meeting

UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s: Prospects for agriculture, trade and industrialization [6]

The Committee elected Mr. Petr Havlík (Czech Republic) as its Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, addressed the Committee.

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Mohamed-Salah Dembri (Algeria), made an opening statement.

H.E. Mr. Harry Ganoo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Mauritius, and H.E. Mr. Vijay S. Makhan, Assistant Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity/African Economic Community, made statements.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following countries: Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Brazil (on behalf of the Latin American and the Caribbean Group), Morocco (on behalf of the African Group), Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group and China), Madagascar, Egypt, South Africa and Mauritius.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Ratification: Cuba (19 October 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

A United Nations Day concert of classical music will be held on Friday, 23 October 1998, at 4 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Philharmonie der Nationen, with Justus Frantz conducting, will perform works by Beethoven and Rimsky-Korsakov. H.E. Dr. Didier Opertti Badán, President of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, Ms. Louise Frechette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, and H.E. Dr. Dieter Kastrup, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, will make statements. The concert is co-sponsored by the Government of Germany and the Department of Public Information (DPI). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media will be admitted on presentation of a valid grounds pass.

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Information Fair

The Annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, is being held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Friday, 23 October 1998. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with representatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters and other information materials.

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New United Nations stamps and souvenir card

On Tuesday, 27 October 1998, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights". The denominations of the new stamps will be 32 cents, 55 cents, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, S 4.50 and S 7. A souvenir card will also be issued on the same theme. The new stamps, souvenir card, first day covers and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and staff at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on 27 October from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new stamps and souvenir card are available in Information Circular ST/IC/1998/63.

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